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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO RULE 1.53(b) CONTINUATION APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified Rule 1.53(b) continuation patent application filed herewith, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 5, amend the paragraph beginning there-at as follows:

"This non-provisional United States (US) patent application is a continuation application and claims the benefit of US Application No. 09/798,609, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LINEAR LED LIGHTING", by David Reed, filed February 27, 2001, now allowed, which claims the benefit of US Provisional Application No. 60/260,425, filed by inventor David Reed on January 9, 2001."